

The Times-Herald

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The Great Harney Country
Covers an area of 8,428,000 acres of land, 4,121,000 acres yet vacant subject to entry under the public land laws of the United States.

NEW IRRIGATION LAW

ENGINEER NOW AT WORK ON PROPOSED MEASURE.

For September in Portland, Ore., the engineer for the proposed measure is now at work on the proposed measure. The engineer is now at work on the proposed measure. The engineer is now at work on the proposed measure.

recorded in order to priority. That provision be made for distribution in times of scarcity in accordance with these rights. 9—That the state refuse permit to the use of water where it is clearly apparent that the limit of the beneficial use to which each stream can be put, is reached.

KILL THE INCURABLES.
State Veterinarian McLean wants the next Legislature to pass a law providing for the killing of all live-stock having incurable diseases and for the compensation of the owners. He believes that \$5000 a year would be an appropriation large enough for this purpose, and that by the expenditure of that sum such diseases as glanders could be stamped out.

In speaking of the matter today, he said that it is impracticable to compel the killing of the diseased stock unless some means of compensation is provided, for the officers charged with the enforcement of the law find too much opposition and incur too many lawsuits. He believes that laws should authorize the killing of stock infected with corable diseases like mange, without compensation, for if the disease is curable and the owner will not apply a remedy he should bear the loss.

In case of incurable diseases, which a horse might have and still live to do a number of years' work, he believes the owner should be paid the value, for his loss is not his fault, and the general public gets the benefit. In estimating the value he would have the diseased condition taken into consideration and not pay an owner the value of healthy stock.

In his opinion, the local stock inspector would be a proper person to place a valuation upon stock to be killed. He thinks the payment should be made as soon as the animal is killed, and should not be made to depend upon the uncertainty of legislative appropriations, so that the owner would be sure of his payment and would not try to prevent the killing.

He believes it would be well worth \$5000 a year to the people of the state if diseased stock to the value of that amount were killed. —Ontario Argus.

Our School Report First.
Supt. M. E. Rigby, Burns, Oregon.

Dear Sir—I beg to acknowledge receipt of the annual report for Harney County, for the year ending June 18, 1906, which report has been carefully examined and found to be correct.

Thanking you for promptness in its remittance and accuracy in its execution, I am,

Truly yours,
J. H. ACKERMAN,
Supt. Public Instruction.

P. S. Your report has the honor of being the first one to reach this office for the current year.

J. H. A.

WOULD ASK STATE TO AID

VALE ORIANO SUGGESTS EXPERIMENT FARMS OUT HERE.

We have repeatedly suggested irrigation and dry land farming for this part of Oregon. We do not suggest it on a small scale but on a broad basis, and under the supervision of a state board. It is only a short time until the State Legislature meets and we should get together and bring before that body facts and figures regarding our soil conditions. It would pay us to have an expert like Dr. Withycombe come and make a thorough investigation of this country and it laid off into districts for experimental farming to be followed by a big system of irrigation and dry farming. Both will be a success here as the rain fall year in and year out is sufficient according to government statistics. Oregon never has had aid from the government for anything and we need not expect it. And again we can't say that we believe the government can give us the best service. They have to pay their men higher wages, they do less work, put in less time, and take longer time to do it than can be done by contract and private capital. It takes two or three cheap men to work for one fairly good man, and all they put in over half their time doing nothing.

But we should be ready to go before the state legislature with some feasible proposition for both Malheur and Harney counties and be in a position to show what we want. There is no question but that we can get recognition from the state if we will put ourselves in a position to merit that recognition.

The state officials realize that the development of the state is what will be of most benefit to every section and that this undeveloped, unknown section, must have attention if the state gets from it a fair amount of taxes for the acreage there is of it.

Storage reservoirs should be placed here in this county and Harney. We do not need government aid but we need state assistance. Cash from the state is not demanded and is not necessary to carry out a big system but a thorough investigation of the amount of water, prospects of the country, grants of tracts from the government to the state for development is needed, and can be secured. Then when this is done private capital will take hold of the proposition through the state board and we would have a system of irrigation in part, dry farming in part, and a general improvement of this whole section of the state.

Private capital can put in a first class system of irrigation reservoirs and ditches and can rent them out to the private owners of land at a great deal less than the government could. There is no question but that the figures at which the government offered to put in a system was a wholesale robbery proposition and that there were officials in the employ of the government who knew that the figures they gave were not the figures for which the system could be done. Several different corps of government engineers galloped through this country and none of them agreed but the last one drew the biggest salary and placed the price at the highest figure. He measured the coast according to his salary and not according to construction. This country is not a hard country to irrigate but Oregon is under dispute at Washington with the secretary of the interior and he is always hunting a robber in the corner of every project and he generally has imagination enough to find one.

The Cascade Military Road Co. and Dallas Military Road Grants represent large tracts of land in this and Harney county and as corporations they are not going to pay exorbitant prices to have the government put in irrigation system and we can't say that we blame them. But we believe it is to their advantage to get this country developed as much as it is to ours and that where a feasible proposition is offered they will do their part towards it.

The building of the transcontinental line through Vale to the coast means the development of

this country from one end of it to the other and now is the time to begin this work. Vale will be on a stub line for a short time but it will be a few months or a year or so at most before the fast freights and passengers will be running through Vale to the coast. We will welcome that day, for it will make the county seat the natural trading point of the county. Where a few men come to do trading now by freight teams ten times as many will come when they can reach us by rail. Now we are the distributing point but then we will be the trade center. The county seat of a county is always its best town when it has the facilities of being so and a man had just as well be out of existence as to be out of connection with the outside world. Vale has bright prospects for a grand future and can be made a wholesale center with but little trouble. The hot water here would be a great thing for Vale if baths were placed here and a through transcontinental line was here for tourists to stay and make the use of them. Vale wants to be on the main line and we want to be there soon.—Vale Oriano.

NEW GOLD FIELD.
A Baker City dispatch says that J. H. Howard, who was president of the First National Bank of Sumpster, and sold out that concern Saturday night to N. U. Carpenter, a stock holder and manager of the Citizens' National Bank, of Baker City, and who is heavily grubstaking several parties to explore the new gold field in Northern Nevada on the Oregon line, in the Stein Mountains near Denio, states it is foolish for people to rush into that desert until it has been proven whether anything is there and arrangements can be made to house and feed people. There is absolutely nothing there now but some warm water. The prospects are it will be a very rich camp.

STOCKMEN SHOULD ORGANIZE.
"It is simply unsafe to turn horses on the range any more in eastern Oregon, on account of the horse rustlers," said David Cooper, a well known horseman of Union who is in the city says the East Oregonian.

"Everybody in our part of the state makes an effort to keep their horses in pastures and then keep a close watch on the pastures. The rustlers drive them to Snake river and horses disappear in the night never to be seen again. It is thought rustlers drive them to Snake river and into Idaho, from where they are shipped east."

"It seems that the stockmen of Union, Baker, Grant and Umatilla counties could form an organization which would break up this gang of thieves. Something must be done or the stock business will have to be abandoned in this territory."

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.
Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Harney county will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at Burns, as follows:

FOR STATE PAPERS.
Commencing Wednesday, August 5 at 9 o'clock a. m. and continuing until Friday, August 11 at 4 o'clock p. m.
Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, physical geography, reading, psychology.
Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, book-keeping, physics, civil government.
Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, algebra.
Saturday—botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, school law.

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